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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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HEALTH FOR ALL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country needs more than 13 lakh health workers to achieve its mandate of health for all as published in the 'Hindu' dated February 24, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether private and voluntary agencies have the adequate resources and the infrastructure to ensure health for all, at least at the primary and secondary level;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to meet the needs of health workers to achieve its mandate of health for all?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) :The Primary health care services in rural areas are provided through a network of a three tier infrastructure of Sub Centres[SC], Primary Health Centres[PHC] and Community Health Centres[CHC]. As on March, 2007 there are a total of 145272 Sub-centres, 22370 PHCs and 4045 CHCs functioning in the country.

As on March, 2007, there is a shortfall of 21157 Health Worker[Female]/ANM at Sub Centres & Primary Health Centres, 77615 Health Workers[Male] at SCs, 7142 Health Assistants[Female]/ LHVs at PHCs, 6261 Health Assistants[Male] at PHCs, 1410 Doctors at PHCs, 9455 Specialists at CHCs, 1398 Radiographers at CHCs, 4910 Pharmacists at PHCs and CHCs, 9795 Laboratory Technicians at PHCs and CHCs and 17262 Nurse Midwife/Staff Nurse at PHCs & CHCs .

(e) : These centres are run by the States/UTs Governments and the staff is also recruited by them. Under National Rural Health Mission[NRHM], funds are released to States/UTs Governments for upgradation and strengthening of Primary Health Centres including contractual appointment of staff, construction of building and infrastructure. The State/UT Governments are however required to incorporate their requirement in their annual NRHM Programme Implementation Plans.